

# city of santa barbara Water Conservation Program

## Rebates



- **Smart Landscape Rebate Program**
  - Rebate of up to \$1,000 for irrigation equipment, smart irrigation controllers, water-wise plants and mulch. Free smart irrigation controllers & rain sensors available for qualifying properties. Projects must be approved in advance.
- **Residential Rebates**
  - High Efficiency Toilets - \$100
  - High Efficiency Washing Machines - \$150
- **Business Rebates**
  - High Efficiency Toilets - \$200
  - High Efficiency Urinals - \$300
  - High Efficiency Washing Machines - \$400
  - Commercial Waterbrooms - \$50



Check for qualifying models before purchasing.

## Free Water Check-ups

- **Water Check-up for Homes**

City staff will evaluate your indoor and outdoor water use and provide recommendations on water conservation. We will also show you how to read your meter and check for leaks.
- **Water Check-up for Businesses**

City staff will come to your business to evaluate indoor and outdoor usage and provide recommendations on efficient commercial water use. Free hotel cards and table cards available for restaurant and lodging businesses.
- **Irrigation Water Check-up**

City staff will check efficiency of the irrigation system, develop an irrigation schedule and provide you with information on landscaping and irrigation technology. Free rain sensors are available for qualifying properties.
- **Large Landscape Irrigation Evaluation**

Free for agricultural and large turf landscapes. Provided by Cachuma Resource Conservation District.

## Landscaping Resources

- **Water Wise Gardening for SB County**

Easily search for over 1,000 water wise plant choices appropriate for our local climate. Photos of local gardens featured in garden tours and garden galleries. Link available on website, CD available on request.
- **Watering Calculator and Watering Index**

Determine how much and how often to water your garden, and easily change your watering schedule as the weather changes. Link available on website.
- **CA Landscape Budgets Program**

Easily track irrigation water use with an online profile for your property. Includes free irrigation performance reports; access at [www.landscapebudgets.com](http://www.landscapebudgets.com).
- **Green Gardener**

Hire or become a "Green Gardener". Training includes resource efficient and pollution prevention landscape maintenance practices. For more information, visit [www.greengardener.org](http://www.greengardener.org).
- **Graywater**

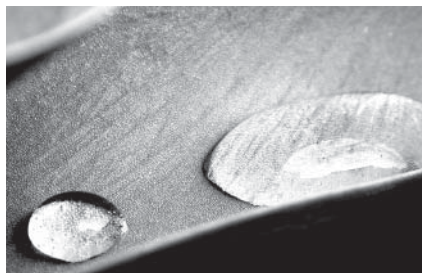
The City provides outreach materials on the use of graywater with handouts, fact sheets, sample plan sheet, and information on the City's website. Instructional DVD available on request.



## Resources & Ideas

- Lending library at Public Works Counter at 630 Garden Street and Central Library
- Videos and brochures available on website
- Helpful ideas on gardening, choosing appliances, graywater, and home water conservation on website





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## Water Conserving Devices

### Indoor

#### Fixtures and Appliances



- **High Efficiency Toilets (HET's)**  
High Efficiency Toilets use just 1.28 gallons per flush or less. This is an improvement on common Ultra Low Flow Toilets (ULFT's) that use between 1.28 and 1.6 gallons per flush and non-UFLT's that use 5 to 7 gallons per flush. A High Efficiency Toilet will, on average, save 38 gallons per day when replacing a non-UFLT and 7 gallons per day when replacing a UFLT.
- **High Efficiency Urinals (HEU's)**  
New urinals use significantly less water than their predecessors. Currently, most high efficiency models use just 0.5 gallons per a flush and some use as little as 1 pint per flush.
- **Waterless Urinals**  
A waterless urinal can save up to 45,000 gallons of water per year. Many models have been approved under California's plumbing code. These urinals are included in the High Efficiency Urinal (HEU) category.
- **High Efficiency Clothes Washers (HEW's)**  
A traditional clothes washer uses about 41 gallons per load. In comparison, a High Efficiency Clothes Washer uses about 50% less or 20 gallons per load. In addition, a HEW will use nearly 50% less energy per load than its traditional counterpart.



### Outdoor

#### Landscape Irrigation efficiency

- **Smart Irrigation Controllers**  
Smart Irrigation Controllers work on a simple principle: provide the appropriate watering schedule; adjust for weather changes; irrigate based on the needs of your landscape.
- **Rain Sensors**  
A Rain Sensor automatically halts a home's irrigation controller from watering during and immediately after a rain event. These devices override a scheduled irrigation when the sensor on the shutoff device detects rainwater. When the collected rainwater has evaporated from the device, scheduled irrigations resume.
- **Rotating Nozzles**  
These multi-trajectory nozzles for pop-up spray heads apply water more slowly and uniformly than conventional nozzles. This results in more precise watering while decreasing water usage by about 20%.

